

REMARKS

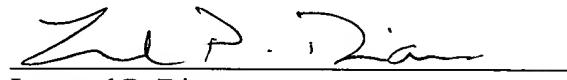
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 7, 2005, Applicants submit the corrected list of claims given above, which is to replace the claim listing provided in the Amendment filed August 12, 2004. Claim 105 had an incorrect status identifier in that Amendment. Accordingly, Applicants submit this corrected claim listing identifying Claim 105 as "Currently Amended."

In addition, Applicants note that the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Amendment filed August 12, 2004 have taken an extraordinary amount of time to be entered, and indeed, apparently still have not reached the Examiner over six months after these papers were filed. Applicants had requested and paid for a suspension of action with the RCE in order to allow time to conduct an interview in this case. However, Applicants have been unable to conduct the interview, and the suspension of action has been rendered pointless, because of these unprecedented delays in the U.S.P.T.O. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact their undersigned attorney to schedule an interview before further prosecution.

No fee is believed due with this submission. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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